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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09062.0462

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Thierry JULIA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2857  
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Application No.: 09/918,512 ) Examiner: M. Barbee  
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Filed: August 1, 2001 )  
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For: CUSTOMER-BASED ) Confirmation No.: 4625  
PREDICTION METHOD AND )  
SYSTEM USING NEAR )  
INFRARED REFLECTANCE )  
SPECTRA OF MATERIALS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**


Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of November 13, 2003. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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